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Examiner: David Q Le.

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Declaration of prior Invention under 37 CFR 1.131

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I, Khai Hee Kwan, hereby declare that the Invention titled "Method, apparatus and program to make payment in any currencies through a communication network system using prepaid cards" having US Application Service Number 09/396005 has been reduced to practice by the act of concurrently filing of an US Application and Australian Application from 17 June 1999 in the city of Sydney, Australia. Said invention is fully conceived by me prior to 30 July 1999 (Australia Eastern Standard Time). The following attached evidences are presented in support of this declaration.

- 1) One floppy disk with the following original Documents representing the submitted Invention Application comprising:

Telbank.Doc created on the 7 May 1999	last modified 17 May 1999
Fig2. Doc created on the 17 May 1999	last modified 15 June 1999
TelBankFig1.Doc created on the 14 June 1999	last modified 7 Aug 1999
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I believe the above electronic documents are reliable as Microsoft Word has historical entries and track each modification. The Examiner is invited to check the statistical properties of the said documents by using right click under properties. True copies of the above files are currently residing in a backup CD and in my hard disk.

- 2) A certified page from my personal diary showing the flow diagram of the present invention being claimed evidencing reducing to practice on the 17 June 1999.
- 3) An original draft (2nd draft) dated 10 May 1999. This draft was made in part for the Australian application which is claiming priority date of 11 Aug 1999. We would be grateful if the examiner can return this document later.

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I further declare that the remaining time was used to understand both the US and Australia application process/requirements as I wrote and apply the application by myself. Therefore, it is not unreasonable to assume the length of 1 month of more to fully complete the application for filing and to make the necessary changes to conform to the US standards later for a person with little of no knowledge of the patenting process. In addition, much time was spend in understanding how to write proper claims and as noted by the examiner in the first office action, there were many errors.

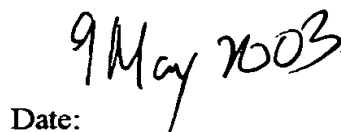
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